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ELECTION OF SPECIES AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Communication dated September 20, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests entry and consideration of the following remarks and preliminary amendments as indicated on the enclosed Amended Claims Marked to Show Changes Made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(i) and (ii); and Amended Claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.121(c)(3).

REMARKS

Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, the species of Figures 1, 2 and 7 corresponding to amended claims 1, 7, 11, 18, 19 and to new claims 25-27. It is submitted that the species depicted in Figures 1, 2 and 7 are not patentably distinct. The embodiment of Figure 2 is the reverse of the embodiment of Figure 1 regarding the manner in which the panels are coupled to the glazing bar. The embodiment of Figure 7 is similar to that of Figure 1 in respect to its coupling arrangements except that the glazing bar does not have closed slots, but rather channels for receiving the T-shaped coupling members of the panels. To the extent that the Examiner